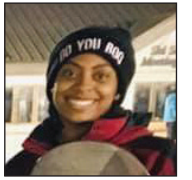




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Small World Effect Connects Greenbelter and Dog Guides

by Rene' Sewell-Rayson

The small-world effect is the observation that one can find a short chain of acquaintances connecting almost any two people on the planet.

Denna Lambert is a Greenbelter, although our paths had never crossed. In writing a story for the News Review, I had a chance to interview her at a judo clinic. Her dog guide was with her and kept careful watch as Denna practiced the judo grappling and throwing techniques.

When I mentioned that my husband is blind, she got very excited. "Is it Rev. Ray?" she asked. It turns out that one of Rev. Ray Rayson's previous jobs

was working for Seeing Eye Dog Guide School – the oldest school, founded in 1929, supplying trained dog guides for blind people. In his travels around the country he had visited Denna's school in Arkansas, her home state. During his presentation when he said that a dog guide affords you independence and that you can travel independently all over the country, Denna said she made up her mind that she was going to get a dog guide in spite of her father's fear of dogs.

Angie is her third dog guide and it must be working 'cause Greenbelt is a long way from [Ar]Kansas, Toto.

Council Recommends Approval Of Beltway Plaza Renovations

by Diane Oberg

At its February 11 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council on a 4-1 vote authorized the Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) to submit council's recommended approval of the Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for Beltway Plaza redevelopment with conditions. Staff will submit these conditions and other comments to the Prince George's County Planning Department's technical staff. The plan covers the area bordered by Greenbelt Road, Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive.

The deadline for submissions was February 20. Between now and the meeting of the county planning board on March 14, if the city and Quantum Companies, the mall's owner, reach agreement on the issues raised by the city, Greenbelt will support the CSP. If not, it will oppose the plan.

DPCD Director Terri Hruby noted that she is bringing this issue to council at an earlier stage than usual but this was forced by the deadline set by the planning board. Normally, she said, they wait until the planning staff and the developer reach agreement on the issues raised by DPCD.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against the motion to submit comments based upon his objection to being asked to approve plans without knowing conditions that the developer is willing to accept. Councilmembers Leta Mach and Edward Putens were absent due to illness.

The project will be developed in phases. Phase 1, dubbed the Residential Transition Zone, will include 175 to 250 townhouses and two-family dwelling units and 100 to 500 multifamily dwelling units. Phase 2, Neighborhood Shopping Center, is to include 225 to 500 multifamily

units (possibly age restricted), and 150,000 to 200,000 square feet of commercial space.

Phase 3, Amenity Core and Mixed-Use Neighborhood Core, envisions 125,000 to 175,000 square feet of commercial space and 250 to 725 multifamily units. Phase 4, Destination Retail, would include 40,000 to 60,000 square feet of commercial space and 175 to 250 multifamily units. Phase 5, Pad Site Retail, would complete the project with 15,000 to 25,000 square feet of commercial space.

Altogether, the CSP proposes roughly 175 to 250 townhouse units, 750 to 1,975 multifamily units and 330,000 to 460,000 square feet of commercial space.

The city's Advisory Planning Board (APB), Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the Advisory Committee on

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Fitness Video Provides View Of Police Dept. Expectations

by Jack Hogan

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Pushups, situps, sit and reach, and a mile and a half run. The Greenbelt Police Department's fit test video shows police officers effortlessly making the fitness grade. The video, published on the department's website and their Facebook page, shows future recruits what they can expect on the physical portion of the department's application process.

Police Lt. Timothy White said that the video provides answers to questions that recruits have leading up to the test, such as the proper hand placement for situps and correct pushup form. The idea for the video was to find a way to connect with pos-

sible candidates. "And to be able to give them an idea of exactly what we're looking for," said White, who provided guidance during its production.

The video covers the four exercises in the department's physical agility test and shows the maximum amount of time the tests can take. Each exercise is demonstrated by one or more officers and the department's expectations for each exercise are detailed.

In addition to educating potential recruits, White said that the video was an easy way to display the diversity of the department. The video shows both male and female officers from several ethnic backgrounds. White said the hope is that emphasis on diversity will help to establish a connection between current officers and the recruits interested in trying out.

According to White, the

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2013 Plan Remains Model For Md. 193 Redevelopment

by Matthew Arbach

The approved Greenbelt Metro Area and Md. 193 Corridor Sector Plan, issued in March 2013 by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), still stands as the working template for any redevelopment in this area. County Specialist Planner Chad Williams said that "the plan was designed with a 20- to 30-year horizon and has tracked fairly well so far." This broad ranging plan envisions an "interconnected, vibrant and diverse mixed-use, transit-oriented eco-community," he said.

The area covered in the plan is the 1.79 square miles of land adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro Station and along a portion of the Greenbelt Road (Md. 193) corridor. Williams said the majority of the area is within the City of Greenbelt, with the land south of Md. 193 in the Town of Berwyn Heights. The plan is built on a similar one developed in 2001.

With an eye to the natural environment and the sensitive Indian Creek stream valley, the plan sees "sustainable urbanism

and environmental stewardship" as cornerstones to any future efforts. Williams also encapsulated the other priorities of the plan, which include multi-modalism (accessible by bike and pedestrian traffic), connectivity and safety. Preserving a high quality of life, through housing and neighborhood preservation, will not only attract new businesses and residents but provide incentive for current residents to stay, according to the plan. The plan stresses the potential upsurge from the relocation of either a "major employer or Government Services Administration (GSA) office," requiring supporting office, retail and residential developments.

Land use and urban design, environmental infrastructure, transportation, economic development, housing, neighborhood preservation and quality of life are the key areas discussed in detail in the plan. The focus is on improving the existing neighborhoods, arteries, facilities and

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What Goes On

Saturday, March 2
7 p.m. Homeward Bound, Community Center Gym
Sunday, March 3
1 and 2 p.m. Community Art Drop-in, Community Center
3 p.m. Homeward Bound, Community Center Gym
Monday, March 4
8 p.m. Council Worksession with Prince George's School Board Member Joshua Thomas, Municipal Building



Daja Claiborne and Makayla Adams go up for a rebound in a win versus Parkdale. See story on page 11.

PHOTO BY ABIGAIL DINA

PHOTO BY KEN LOO



Emilia Loo holds hands with her friend Crystal the snowgirl.

Reenactors Present Program On Lives of Free Black Women

by Mary Moien

On Wednesday, February 13, the Greenbelt Golden Age Club welcomed club member Joyce Bailey and three women to speak on and reenact the lives of free African American women in the early-to-mid-19th century. Bailey, along with Helen Assad, Carol Gordon and Marie Davenport-Schneider, are members of the Female RE-Enactors of Distinction (FREED). FREED is a group of women affiliated with the African American Civil War Memorial and



PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

Helen Assad, Carol Gordon, Joyce Bailey and Marie Davenport-Schneider reenact the lives of nineteenth century African American women at the February 13 meeting of the Golden Age Club.

Museum using reenactment and dramatic readings to educate the public on the life and accomplishments of African American Civil War soldiers and the women who supported them.

Frances Anne Rollin, portrayed by Gordon, was born to a free African American family in Charleston, S.C. She was an educated child, even speaking French. She was sent to Philadelphia to continue her schooling before the Civil War broke out. After the war, Rollin returned south to teach in the freedman’s schools. Later she worked for Frederick Douglass in Washington, D.C. A story of her life titled *Pride of the Family* was written by her granddaughter, Carole Ione. Gordon is a retired French teacher in Montgomery County schools and the language connection led her to portray Rollin. More information on Rollin can be found at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Rollin_Whipper.

Elleanor Eldridge was portrayed by Davenport-Schneider. Eldridge was born free in Rhode Island in the early 19th century; her father had obtained his freedom fighting in the Revolutionary War. She worked as a domestic worker in various locations in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. She learned how to weave and make soap. Eldridge saved what money she could and later became a businesswoman. Davenport-Schneider is a retired teacher who spent much of her

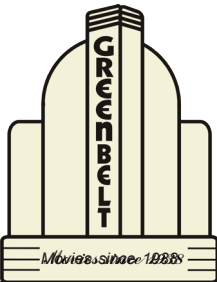
career teaching in the Department of Defense schools in Germany. She chose to portray Eldridge “because of her strong determination to persevere in spite of the odds and she made a decisive mark in history.” More information on Eldridge can be found at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elleanor_Eldridge.

Mary Smith Kelsey Peake was born to a free family in Norfolk in the early 1800s. Her family moved to Alexandria when she was six so she could go to school. At that time, Alexandria was part of the District of Columbia and it was legal for African American children to go to school in D.C. When she finished school, Peake went back to the Norfolk area and began teaching enslaved children in hiding under the branches of a sprawling oak tree that came to be called the Emancipation Oak. The school that was founded under the Emancipation Oak grew into Hampton University and, during his presidency, President Obama visited the Emancipation Oak. Assad, who portrayed Peake, retired after a career with the U.S. Postal Service. More information on Peake can be found at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_S._Peake.

Last year, Bailey portrayed Elizabeth Keckly, Mary Todd Lincoln’s seamstress. At this year’s presentation, Bailey described how she became interested in portraying Keckly: Bailey’s moth-

er was a designer in New York City and founded the Black Fashion Museum in that city in the 1970s.

There was much discussion after the presentations and club members came away with new information about African American women in the 19th century.



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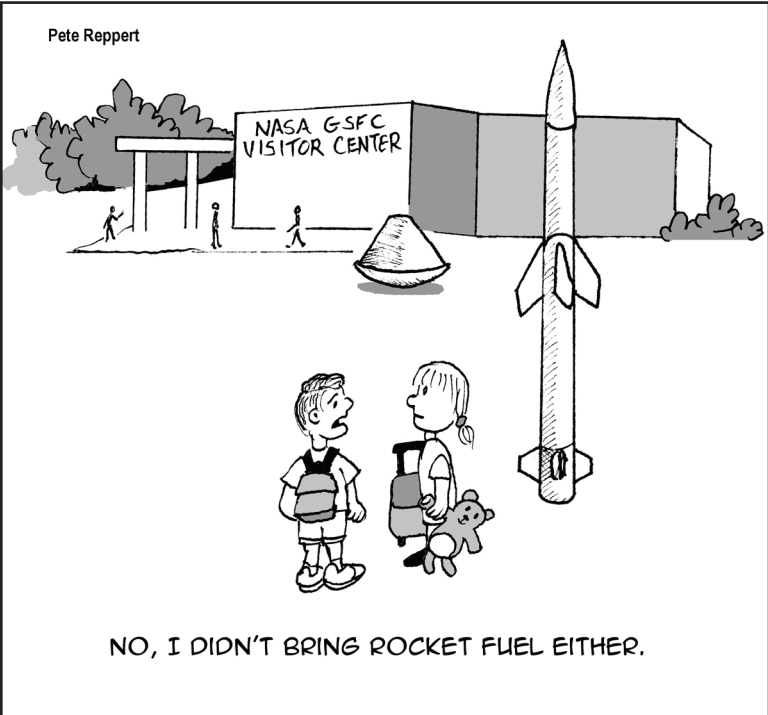
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Mon. 1:00 PM - FREE



Corrections

In the February 21 story about the city council meeting of February 11, the name of one of the members of the Police Explorer Post was incorrect. The explorer is Duncan Auchter. The News Review apologizes for the error.

Last week’s article about Greenbelt’s Black History Month celebration neglected to identify Lois Rosado as the co-emcee and event coordinator. And it was she who performed the opening libation saying, “We call on the ancestors of all those present to join us in love and peace as we Celebrate Black History Month in Greenbelt.”

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On Screen

Green Book Still at OGT

Green Book, winner of this year’s Best Picture Oscar, will be showing at Old Greenbelt Theatre for a second week.

Directed by Peter Farrelly, Green Book follows the mid-century road trip of an African American concert pianist and his Italian American driver/protector. The original Green Book was published as a resource to help travelers of color safely navigate racist-ridden territory. The film’s treatment of this subject and its multiple Oscar nominations have been the subject of praise but also criticism and much discussion.

Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a world-class concert pianist, hires a rough-edged bouncer from the Bronx, Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), as his driver for a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South. Despite guidance from the Green Book, they are confronted with racism and danger and must learn to set aside their differences, as well as see the humor in themselves, each other and the journey they’ve undertaken.

2018, 130 mins, PG-13

- Lesley Kash

Community Events

Art Drop-in March 3

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to attend a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, March 3, with seatings at 1 and 2 p.m. The event will take place in Room 201 at the Community Center. Admission is free but reservations are required. Email agardner@greenbeltmd.gov to reserve your spot.

Learn to tell a story via creative collage with Artist-in-residence Racquel Keller. Projects can be as simple or complex as wanted. Materials are provided, but feel free to bring images from home. While visiting, see the new art gallery exhibit, Upside Down House: Unconventional Family Portraiture by Robert Cantor, Maura Doern Danko and Amanda Demos Larsen. Working from family photos, three painters share unique interpretations in the space between past and present, self and relations, and experience and imagination.

Also see the Greenbelt Museum’s current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Greenbelt’s Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. enjoy a guided tour of the Museum’s historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road for a small admission fee.

A performance of the 2019 Greenbelt Youth Musical, Home-ward Bound, will immediately follow the workshop at 3 p.m. Based on The Odyssey by Homer, the show offers an epic tale of adventure, a domestic comedy and an enduring love story. While tickets are sold out for the Sunday performance, there may still be some available for other shows. See city ad for details. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208.



Collage by workshop leader Racquel Keller

Garden Club Assigns Plots on March 14

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting on Thursday, March 14. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 202. Anyone not able to attend or who has questions, contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

Legislative Update At Table Talk

Join Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington for his first Table Talk of 2019 on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the New Deal Café. There will be an update on the Kirwan Commission, which has spent the past three years reviewing and revising Maryland’s school funding formulas to ensure that the \$6.3 billion in statewide education funding is distributed equitably to our local school systems.

Last week, the commission issued its 2019 interim report, which included the initial policy and funding recommendations for the 2019 Legislative Session. Recommendations include expanding pre-k, raising teacher salaries, improving college and career opportunities, and providing increased funding to high poverty schools. The commission has indicated that these recommendations will cost \$325 million to begin implementing this year. To read the full report, go to dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/NoPbLTaBMTg/CmsnInnovEduc/2019-Interim-Report-of-the-Commission.pdf.

In addition to these topics, there will be a discussion on any issues, concerns or thoughts related to the 2019 legislative session, including Washington’s legislative priorities. This year, legislation has been introduced to improve access to affordable housing, protect small businesses, eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline, expand voting rights, reform the criminal justice system, preserve consumer rights and redevelop the Glenn Dale Hospital.

If motivated to get more involved in the community, join this important discussion.

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

What impact would a basic universal income have on society? How could it be implemented? Should it be? Would anyone ever work again? Would income disparity be evened out or exacerbated?

The thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace on Tuesday evenings will attempt to come to grips with this topic on March 5 at 7 p.m. Those wishing to explore this topic are encouraged to do some research, think about the ramifications and come prepared to learn something and maybe share some insights and cheerful banter.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 4 are as follows:

Monday, March 4: Creamy chicken tikka, yellow rice, mixed vegetable, naan bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, March 5: Split pea soup, cabbage roll with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit orange juice.

Wednesday, March 6: Baked cod with Old Bay cream sauce, lima beans, sliced carrots, biscuits, ambrosia salad, orange juice.

Thursday, 7: Beef Santa Fe chili, brown rice, spinach saltines, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Friday, March 8: Salmon burger, crispy cubed potatoes, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, wheat bun, orange juice.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 2 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Mercury is still visible above the western horizon to those who come early, and Mars is still high in the sky. Attendees may also expect to see deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae (the Orion Nebula, in particular) and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Observing will begin at around 7 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to join the group. In April, the group has an annual luncheon. This year’s luncheon is on Wednesday, April 17. Tickets are on sale at the Wednesday meetings.

The program for March 6 is a business meeting; on March 13, Sherrel Maison, clinical liaison, R.N., Community Hospices, will present Live the Best You Can. On March 20, there will be a potluck and birthday luncheon. Bring a dish to share. On March 27 we will play bingo.

If Prince George’s County schools are closed or start late due to weather, the Golden Age Club meeting will be cancelled.

Arts Advisory Board Will Meet March 5

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center. On the agenda are discussions with three existing Recognition Groups (Greenbelt Arts Center, FONDCA and the Greenbelt Concert Band) seeking city funding for fiscal year 2020; discussions of the first-time Recognition Group application from The SPACE; and an update on the status of the spring arts mixer.

Greenbelt Park Events

On Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m., join the Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Participate with the invasive plant team to monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants. Learn valuable information that will help protect vulnerable species in our region. The meeting place is the Sweetgum Picnic Area. The event will last until 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m., Every Kid in a Park: 4th graders – come and learn how to get a free pass to National Parks while playing Guess Your National Park game. Meeting place is at the Ranger Station.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Obituaries

Helen Foster



Helen Foster

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Helen R. Foster, age 88, died on Sunday, February 17, 2019, in the Seasons Hospice Facility at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. She was born Helen Robinson on July 8, 1930, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Earl J. and Adelena T. (Willis) Robinson. After graduating from Anacostia High School in Washington, Helen began working at the Pentagon as a secretary. Helen married John A. Foster, III (Jack). Together they raised three children. After leaving the Pentagon, Mrs. Foster worked as an administrator, technician and manager at the National Security Agency for 39 years.

A long-time resident of Greenbelt, Mrs. Foster enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, traveling with her family, gardening, taking care of her cats, playing and listening to organ

music and playing the slot machines. She took three trips with her husband Jack that were very special. They went to Egypt and Israel, to Russia and to China. She always spoke of these trips with fond memories.

Mrs. Foster was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Jack, and her two brothers, Kenyon and Earl Robinson, Jr. She is survived by her son Sterling Foster and his wife, Cindy; daughter Juli Foster-Frey and her husband Bryan; son, John Alexander Foster, IV; and four grandchildren, Brian and Eric Foster, and Maya and Zander Frey.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park. Following the service, a reception will be held in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall for family and friends. Interment at Arlington Cemetery will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mrs. Foster's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Shrove Tuesday Feast March 5 at Mowatt

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will celebrate the beginning of Lent on Tuesday, March 5. Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast the day before Lent starts on Ash Wednesday.

Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, was traditionally a time of fasting. On Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). The association between pancakes and Shrove Tuesday arose when adherents used up their butter, eggs and fat, which were forbidden foods during Lent. The custom of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates to the 16th century.

Join Mowatt on March 5, Shrove Tuesday, for free pancakes from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service in honor of Fred Wilcox, resident, local musician and teacher, who died in October. The service will be held on Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road. Come and share memories of Mr. Wilcox either during the service or casually over refreshments following the service.

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Mardi Gras Dinner At Community Church

by Jo-Anne Fournier

The Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, is holding its annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will include pancakes, sausage and scalloped apples. A freewill offering will be taken.

With a quick search of the web you can find articles on Mardi Gras as a celebration for Christians to clean out their cupboards of rich foods such as eggs, butter and fats, all great ingredients that can be used in making pancakes, and making it easier to fast or give up something for Lent beginning the next day on Ash Wednesday.

Celebrate a great community tradition or try something new: come for dinner and help the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, clean out the cupboards on Fat Tuesday.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Our condolences to the family and friends of long-time Greenbelt resident Helen Foster who died on February 17. Her strong ties to the community are reflected in the support she received from so many.

We express our sympathy to our editor, Gary Childs, on the death of his mother, Virginia Childs. She died on February 23 in Indianapolis at the age of 87.

Condolences to Nancy and August Tolzman III on the death of his father August M. Tolzman, Jr. He died at 103 on February 22.

Congratulations to Robert and Sylvia Lewis. February 28 will mark the 60th anniversary of their wedding. They still live in the GHI house they moved into 50 years ago. And yet, Sylvia has not lost her English accent and thinks in terms of pounds, shillings and pence.

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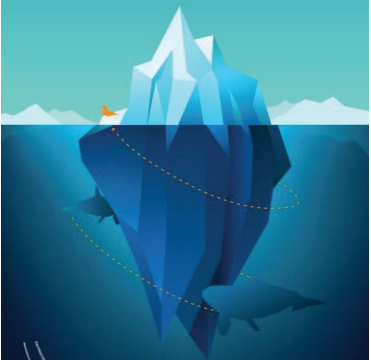
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Widowed Persons Support Group

On Saturday, March 9, a free support group for men and women who have recently lost their spouses will begin at the Community Center. The sessions will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. each Saturday for six weeks. Registration is requested before the group starts. To get more information and to register, contact 301-693-5210 or wisboy929@yahoo.com. This support group is presented by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is supported by community organizations.

At the Library

Teen Advisory Board. Monday, March 4, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making your local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required; please contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, March 5, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, March 5, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, March 6, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, March 7, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

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Kids Achieve Club. Wednesday, March 6, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6.

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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 4-8

Monday, March 4 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Prince George’s County School Board Member Joshua Thomas** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road
On the Agenda: Emergency Siren Referral and Cellular Connectivity Project

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Acceptance of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force as an Advisory Planning Board Subcommittee, Presentation of City Bike Rack Study, Presentation of Draft Complete and Green Streets Policy*

Wednesday, March 6 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Thursday, March 7 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition** at Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 in the Library of the Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

**The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, at 8:00 pm.*
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee.
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Little Leaguers Encourage Moviegoers to Join the Team

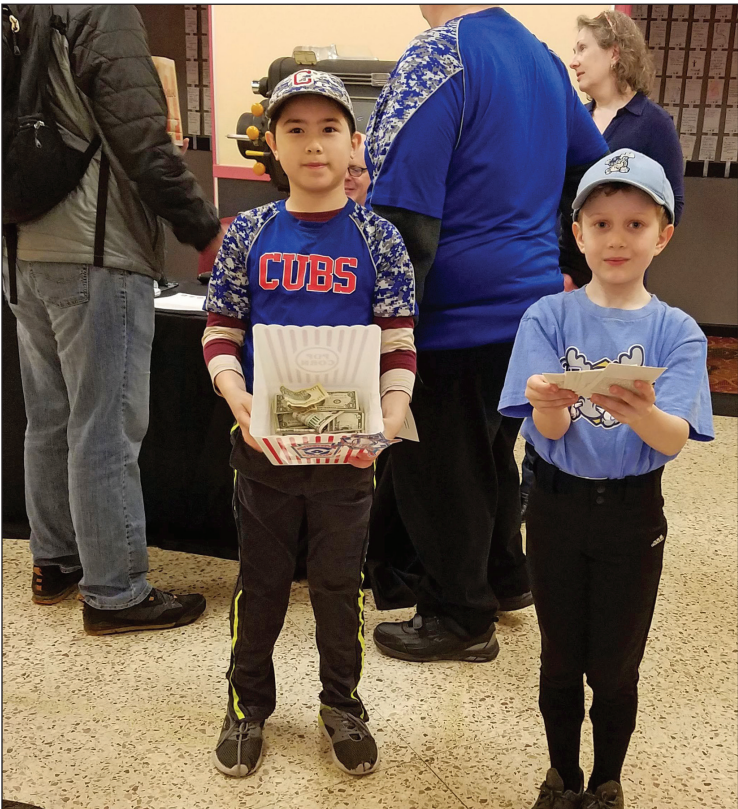
by Lesley Kash

February 23 was the perfect rainy Saturday for kids and parents to enjoy a hilarious movie at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and support Greenbelt’s now-official Little League program. Over 100 people, 53 adults and 50 children, attended the free movie. Enthusiastic Little Leaguers Mason Keaton and Oscar Gaycken encouraged guests to invest in their Little League. Adult volunteers answered questions and deftly registered potential all-stars.

Sandlot, the featured film, follows the adventures of a misfit adolescent sandlot baseball team led by a fanatically dedicated baseball prodigy.

“Being a community-based nonprofit allows us to provide this experience, pairing a family-favorite film with a group doing great work in the community to bring everyone together. We’re thrilled to be able to host these kinds of events!” said Caitlin McGrath, executive director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and parent of a baseball hopeful.

Patrick Keaton, president of Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League, was pleased with the turnout. “We greatly appreciate the support that we have received from our amazing community. This event could not have happened without the Old Greenbelt Theatre and our sponsor, Modell’s Sporting Goods. It was wonderful seeing kids excited again about



Little Leaguers Mason Keaton and Oscar Gaycken make their pitch at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on February 23.

baseball and we plan on continuing the excitement as we start practices and the season.”

Founded in 1939, Little League Baseball and Softball is, according to their website, the world’s largest organized youth sports program, active in every U.S. state and more than 80

countries, with millions of players and more than one million adult volunteers. For nearly 80 years, Little Leaguers have learned and displayed dedication and sportsmanship, from home-town games to seven official Little League World Series events, the premier tournaments in youth sports.

GHI Notes

Thursday, February 28, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Monday, March 4, 1 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, March 7, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room; 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, March 8, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Co-op Racing to the Finish Line for Rays on the Roof

by Cathie Meetre

With nearly \$330,000 pledged, the Rays on the Roof is nudging steadily up to its goal of \$400,000 in investment and donation pledges. The response throughout town has been splendid and recent approaches are also bearing fruit among local businesses who recognize the important role Co-op plays in fostering a healthy community that can also patronize their businesses.

On the technical side, Co-op is still evaluating the bids made by several roofing companies and solar installers. Within the mix are a number of alternatives which must be carefully assessed. Project Manager Steve Skolnik is poring over these offers and working with the bidders to clarify and compare the proposals.

On the political side, Political Liaison Dorrie Bates is preparing the full application that is used as the textual basis for the bond bill if it is approved. She is also getting ready to support the Rays on the Roof case at the state legislature during hearings to be held in the near future. She and Co-op board members have a few short minutes to state the case.

It is very encouraging that the application was forwarded for consideration to the full Senate since many applications don’t make that crucial first cut. This means that the Greenbelt state delegation is behind the bill.

Meanwhile, Greenbelters are encouraged to continue to make pledges. The target is \$400k but

these are pledges and, for the most part, are not yet money in the bank. This means there’s no magic stopping point. In addition, if there are additional funds available, other energy-saving initiatives may be considered by Co-op that add more leverage to the project.





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Pulitzer Prize-winning Play “Disgraced” Opens at GAC

by Bob Kleinberg

Everyone is a product of multiple cultural influences – parents, friends, environment – and each day is a struggle to balance them. Yet, in today’s fractious atmosphere, where external forces attempt to force everyone to choose only one path, the way forward may be fraught with peril. In *Disgraced*, Greenbelt Arts Center’s upcoming March production, playwright Ayad Akhtar provides a thought-provoking view into the challenge faced by Muslim Americans in dealing with their heritage and the paths on which it leads them.

Disgraced follows the experiences of Amir Kapoor, a successful Pakistani American lawyer who is rapidly moving up the corporate ladder while distancing himself from his cultural roots. Emily, his wife, is white; she’s an artist and her work is influenced by Islamic imagery. When the couple hosts a dinner party to celebrate the selection

of her artwork to showcase at the prestigious Whitney Museum, what starts out as a friendly conversation escalates into an intense conversation involving religion, race and violence.

The Pulitzer Prize Winner for Drama in 2013, *Disgraced* questions whether we can ever truly escape the confines of our upbringing and our heritage while presenting the audience with a combustible mix of competing themes of assimilation versus exclusion, religious beliefs versus culture, and tolerance versus prejudice.

Disgraced will be performed from March 8 to March 30, with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will be on March 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. Both matinees will include a talk-back session with the cast and director. For tickets and pricing, go online to greenbeltartscenter.org.

Beehler Explores Migration Routes in Bird Club Talk

by John Stith

Throughout the Americas, songbirds will be on the move this spring. In 2015, Smithsonian ornithologist Dr. Bruce Beehler spent 100 days driving, biking, hiking and canoeing along the migration routes of the 37 species of wood warblers in eastern North America. Beehler will share what he learned about wild-life, nature conservation, American history and rural culture on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Airport Operations Building, 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive. The public is welcome at this free monthly meeting of the Patuxent Bird

Club and the Prince George’s Audubon Society. Beehler will be signing his book, *North on the Wing*, after the lecture.



Dr. Bruce Beehler



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or send your questions to
GHI.NominationsAndElections@gmail.com
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In Ice and Snow, Volunteers Protect Trees From Beavers

Greenbelt kicked the new year off with its first service event on Saturday, February 2. This event was originally scheduled on January 21 to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day but due to frigid temperatures the Greenbelt Department of Public Works rescheduled the event for the first Saturday of February. Despite the blankets of ice and snow that covered Greenbelt Lake and hugged the base of trees, Greenbelt residents, University of Maryland students, Scouts from Troop 100 and dedicated tree protectors gathered to protect trees from Buddy Attick Park.

As eager volunteers signed in for the day's work, Jason Martin, Public Work's environmental coordinator, led a brief presentation on the purpose of the service event and gave background information on beavers and their impact on trees. To reduce the risk of tree-related hazards, the City of Greenbelt decided the best way to protect trees while advocating for the coexistence of wildlife and humans would be to wrap wire caging around the base of tree trunks. These wire cages deter beavers from chewing on trees which could pose a safety and maintenance hazard if they fell.

Following the presentation, the group moved outside and Martin gave a quick demonstration on how to safely and properly remove old caging and re-cage a tree. Once the volunteers got the hang of snipping rusted cages and



Animal Control impounded two stray dogs, which were returned to owners, and picked up two dead animals. One cat was adopted, one dog was sent out for a trial period, one cat was surrendered and one abandoned pet bird was put up for adoption.

Brian Townsend and two crew members attended a Chesapeake Green 2019 class.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 25.16 tons of refuse and 13.69 tons of recyclable materials.

Environmental staff made preparations for and led a beaver caging volunteer event.

Old Greenbelt Theatre offered a Snow Day Movie event: Paddington 2.

Teens took a Youth Center-sponsored trip to Ski Liberty for an evening of winter fun.



PHOTO BY JASON MARTIN

applying new cages, they moved in groups, swiftly caging 79 trees. The stellar group of 30 volunteers served a combined 87 hours in the cold and snow to help the

City of Greenbelt coexist with
beavers at Buddy Attick Park.

Ashley Edwards is a new intern working with the Public Works Department.

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amenities while at the same time creating new ones, such as the redeveloping of Beltway Plaza. Going green and bringing sustainability to the entire area are also critical elements.

The sector plan is distinguished from the recent Urban Land Institute (ULI) report, presented to the city council on January 23, in that it was developed by the county, is more in-depth and required an 18-month process. The ULI report was developed over two days.

According to Williams, any changes to the corridor will be incremental and phased, with the various business and residential entities, as well as the Metro station, involved in the overall plan and implementation process. M-NCPPC is partnered with the State Highway Administration (SHA) in this endeavor. SHA would provide a large share of the funding, with the rest provided by grants.

Regarding Beltway Plaza,
a Conceptual Site Plan (CSP-

18010) will be presented to the Prince George's County Planning Board at an open hearing set tentatively for Thursday, March 14. Williams said that "the Board would likely make a decision on the application that day." A final decision would be delayed if "the application proposes changes to the use table in the 2013 Development District Overlay Zone for Greenbelt Metro and Md. 193 Corridor; if a person of record files an appeal of the board's decision with the Clerk of the Council; or if the District Council elects to review the case on its own motion." The District Council is in charge of all planning and zoning.

While the sector plan provides the current model, the planning department has been developing a more formal plan review procedure to evaluate the current plans and prioritize which ones may need updating. According to Williams, "All stakeholders must weigh in before an application is submitted."

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Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) submitted reports on the CSP.

Hruby explained that her staff is continuing to negotiate with the developer with the goal of reaching agreement on the city's concerns. Some changes have already been agreed upon by both Hruby and Matthew Tedesco, an attorney representing Quantum Companies. As of February 26, Community Planner Molly Porter told the News Review that they are still working to obtain agreement with the developer.

The city has several concerns about the CSP including the number and type of housing units, the lack of formal open space and recreation facilities, the impact of the plan on transportation and school capacity and the phasing plan. If these concerns can be resolved, DPCD believes that the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza will have long-term positive implications for Greenbelt.

One public concern was disposed of definitively. Quantum General Counsel Marc “Kap” Kapastin debunked rumors that the proposal would harm the Indian Creek District, which is on the west side of Cherrywood Lane. He said “We have no intention regarding the Indian Creek District.” The property is owned by a trust. Quantum has no control over that area and no intentions regarding it.

Among DPCD's concerns is the fact that the developer has presented a Master Development Plan that includes development of land on the west side of Cherrywood Lane between Greenbelt Road and Breezewood Drive. This area will be covered by a future CSP, raising concerns about taking a piecemeal approach to development.

Several councilmembers shared DPCD's concern about the type of housing provided for in the plan and the resulting impact

on city services. One way, the report notes, to limit the impact on schools is to make some of the units age-restricted, such as senior housing. While the department believes that the development will also be subject to a school facility surcharge fee, Roberts charged that the fee would cover only half of the cost of creating one school, even if the county could find land on which to build the school. All of the schools attended by Greenbelters are already overcrowded, DPCD notes, from 107 percent of capacity at Greenbelt Elementary School to 150 percent at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Several councilmembers and residents objected to the phasing plan, pushing to “fix” Beltway Plaza, the public face of the property before addressing the residential portion of the plan. However, Tedesco said that every study plan they have looked at recommends starting at the back. They need Phase 1 to be as successful as possible, he said.

Susan Walker, president of the Greenbelt Community Development Association, reported on a conversation she had had with Kapastin the previous week. He told her that if Quantum addressed the mall first they would not be able to provide any affordable housing, which is a council goal.

The open issues at this point include whether adequate public facilities exist to meet the increased demand for traffic management, parking, police and education resources. In addition the city seeks improved diversity in residential unit types, income levels and age groups. The city also wants to encourage cooperative housing in all phases, provision of affordable and moderately priced dwelling units, and at least 25 percent of the units to be for sale, not rentals.

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft

February 19, 5 p.m., 8300 block Miner Street. A dishwasher was taken from a home under construction.

February 20, 4:45 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A red bicycle was taken from the balcony of a residence.

Disorderly Conduct

February 17, 1:38 a.m., 20 Parkway. A 26-year-old non-resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of assault by officers who responded to a report of a possibly intoxicated person. She later assaulted both officers when being processed. There were no injuries. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Fraud

February 18, 12:36 p.m., 65 Court Ridge Road. A woman received a phone call from a man who claimed to be the CEO of a company for which she worked. She then received text messages from him in which she was asked to purchase gift cards and give him the numbers on the back. He promised that she would be reimbursed. She did as instructed and later discovered that she had been scammed.

February 20, noon, 200 block Canning Terrace. A man received a phone call from someone who claimed to be with Pepco. The caller told him that he owed money and if it was not paid his power would be turned off. The man was instructed to purchase gift cards as payment and read the control numbers on the cards to the caller. After he did so, he discovered that he had been scammed.

February 20, 12:45 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A woman received a phone call from a person who claimed to be with the Social Security Administration. The caller told her that she owed money and instructed her to pay by way of gift cards. After she purchased them she sent the card information back to the caller. She later found out that she had been scammed.

Burglary

February 17, 5:08 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A forced entry occurred when the sliding glass door of a vacant residence was broken out. Empty food containers were left in the residence.

Vandalism

February 15, 9:04 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A rock was thrown through the bedroom window of a residence.

February 15, 9:10 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A rock was thrown through a window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A green 2002 Ford F-250 pickup truck with Md. tags 2DL2118 was taken from the 6200 block Springhill Drive. A 2017 Dodge Journey SUV taken from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace was recovered later the same day in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

The front passenger window of a vehicle was broken out in the 7800 block Mandan Road and a carry bag was removed. A rear passenger window was broken out on Hanover Parkway near Mandan Road.

In the 6200 block Breezewood Court four tires on the same vehicle were punctured.

Museum Sponsors March Arts Lecture

On Wednesday, March 13 at 8 p.m. the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) will have a presentation on Transforming America's Communities Through the Arts by Randy Cohen, vice-president of research and policy of Americans for the Arts, a national arts advocacy organization. Cohen makes presentations across the U.S. to emphasize the importance of the arts and arts programs to communities large and small. He notes that "The arts are a fundamental component of healthy communities – strengthening them socially, educationally and economically."

FOGM is delighted that Cohen is coming to Greenbelt to share information about how the arts can create a more vibrant and economically viable community. This presentation has value for all of Greenbelt, including FOGM members, Greenbelt arts organizations, elected officials and the City of Greenbelt. The Friends of Old Greenbelt Theatre have graciously offered to host this event free at the theater.

For more information about the arts advocacy work of Americans for the Arts, visit AmericansForTheArts.org. For more information or questions contact Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum, director@greenbeltmuseum.org or 301-507-6582.

Register for Greenbelt Youth Baseball

Greenbelt Little League registration is open and evaluations will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. Greenbelt Youth Baseball is now officially Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League (GYBLL), part of the largest youth baseball organization in the country. Players age 9 to 14 years old will play regular season local and area inter-district games to prepare for tournaments at the end of the year. Winners in the district tournaments play in the state, regional and national tournaments.

For more information about GYBLL and to register for the new season, visit gyblittleleague.org. Full and partial scholarships are available. Anyone interested in volunteering or coaching, contact GYBLL at greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com.

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department thought that using an instructional video and publishing it on social media was the most effective means of reaching young recruits.

"As generations change, you have to look for new and different ways to reach out and connect with them," said White.

While there hasn't been a significant increase in recruitment numbers since publishing the video, the department is planning on producing more videos in the future.

The department envisions doing more videos centered around recruitment and "body-worn camera" footage to publicize the work of Greenbelt officers.

"More than anything, we're looking for officers," said Beverly Palau, public information and communications coordinator for the city manager's office.

Jack Hogan is a journalism student at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.



Officer Bryan Fink and PFC Konetta Brown demonstrate proper pushup form as MPO Irelisse Fernandez spots.



A blue jay and a red-bellied woodpecker sit on a backyard fence in Greenbelt East.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, March 7, 2019 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.

- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on March 7, 2019

B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on February 7, 2019
- Member Financial Matters
- Consider the Terms and Conditions of the Following Contracts in the Negotiation Stage:
 - 2019 Contract for Gutter Cleaning – 1st reading
 - Modification to 2019 Contract for Frame Crawlspace Electrical Improvements -1st reading
- Member's Request for a Rental Permit

C. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.

- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on February 7, 2019
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on February 7, 2019
- Proposed Installation of Electric Car Charging Station at 62-E Ridge Rd.
- Proposed Replacement of Gardenside Through-wall Air Conditioning Unit with a Window at 6-L Plateau Place
- Request to Install a Full-View Glass Entry Door on the Serviceside at 37-L Ridge Rd.
- Proposed Amendments to GHI ByLaws
- Proposed Software Upgrade for Office Computers - 1st reading

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Sports

State Basketball Championships Are Within Reach for ERHS Raiders Teams

by Patrick Gleason

As the start of state playoffs approach, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls' basketball team finds itself in an unfamiliar position. For the first time in over seven years, the Lady Raiders won't be one of the top two seeds in the 4A South bracket.

Roosevelt ended their regular season Monday night with a tightly contested 50-47 loss versus the C.H. Flowers Jaguars. The defeat was their second in as many games against Flowers; since the Lady Raiders also dropped two county games against Wise and one against Laurel, their state title defense will begin Friday with a 6 p.m. matchup versus Bowie. With a win there, they will earn a Tuesday rematch at Flowers.

The Lady Raiders have missed senior point guard Taylor McCormick since her tailbone injury suffered in a win at Parkdale on Valentine's Day. Without McCormick, the Roosevelt guards committed a slew of turnovers against the Jaguars. However, freshman guard Sameera Smith filled in admirably, knocking down two three-pointers and producing multiple second half steals. Roosevelt overcame an eight-point halftime deficit and exchanged leads with Flowers down the stretch. Ultimately, senior Makayla Adams' deep three-pointer narrowly missed as time expired.

But with a hopefully healthy McCormick and the leadership of Adams, a four-year varsity player, there's no reason to believe the Lady Raiders aren't ready to turn the corner as the calendar hits March – a month that has been very kind to the eight-time state champions.

On the boys' side, there is no

question that the Raiders have their sights set on the team's first state championship in three years. Since a season-opening eight-point loss to DeMatha, Roosevelt has steamrolled county opponents, with all but two of their victories being double-digit wins.

The Raiders have also traveled to Arizona and Delaware for tournaments this season, defeating one of Arizona's top teams while dropping a contest to an elite New Jersey squad. Wise and Bowie will likely prove to be the stiffest tests for the Raiders as the 4A South playoffs begin Friday. With the leadership of seniors Cameron Brown – the only remaining member of the 2016 state championship squad – Isaiah Gross and Jaamir Butler, Roosevelt has been able to outman nearly all competition.

Brown has signed to play collegiately with William and Mary, while Gross is committed to Coppin State University. Senior transfer Kyle Rose and senior forward Jamal Cochran round out a talented starting lineup that hopes to be playing for a state

CP Youth Orchestra Performs Schubert

On Sunday, March 3 from 7 to 9 p.m., the College Park Chorale and the College Park Youth Orchestra will perform Schubert's Mass in G. The presentation will feature vocal soloists, the College Park Chamber Choir and the full Chorale.

The concert will be in the large auditorium on the east side of Northwestern High School. This concert is open and free to the public.



Senior Jaamir Butler drives past a defender in a win against Flowers.

championship. Their postseason on Monday versus the winner of will begin with a home matchup Suitland and Flowers.

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On the ski trip, Alex Toulan, AJ Sesay, Louisa Ellison, Corina Miko, Nicole Miko, and Janee’ Tinker pose for a picture.

- Ski trip photos by Alison Longworth

A group of teens took a trip with Recreation staff to Liberty Mountain Resort, Pennsylvania, on Friday, February 22. They participated in snowboard lessons.



Janee’ Tinker enjoys the snow on the Greenbelt Youth Ski Trip.



Eleanor Roosevelt students pose with their robot and trophy after winning a tournament last fall. From left: Benjamin Schultz, Miles Campbell, Tyler Clarke (in back), Gavin Crisologo and Austin Luu (in front).



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Teen actors Ani Arzoumanian, Sophia Bristol and Henry Brittan-Powell work on masks for the upcoming youth musical, Homeward Bound, which is based on The Odyssey. The show opens Saturday, March 2.



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Potters Beth Fendlay and Judy Goldberg-Strassler create pottery props for the youth musical using authentic classical designs.



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